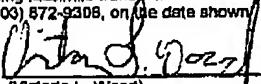


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Advisory Action dated August 8, 2005 and the Office Action dated May 10, 2005, finally rejecting claims 2, 11 and 12, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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